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COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the **Office of Public Records** in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE **OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING**

Name of Traveler: Shilesa Bamberg

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Sherrod Brown

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): Casey Family Programs

Travel Date(s): February 18-19, 2020

Description/Title of Attached Forms: Employee Pre-travel Authorization Form (RE-1)

Sponsor Invitation from Casey Family Programs

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): _____

Materials were not included with the post-travel paperwork submission.

04-16-2020

(Date)

Shilesa Bamberg
(Signature of Traveler)



January 15, 2020

Shilesa Bamberg
Legislative Assistant
Senator Sherrod Brown
503 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Shilesa,

I would like to invite you to a one day educational site visit on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 to New Orleans, Louisiana to meet with judicial, state and local officials in New Orleans to learn about efforts to prevent unnecessary placement in foster care and strengthen families. The visit will include a look at the different roles of the state, courts, and community in supporting families, and how each works together in this effort. Casey Family Programs is the nation's largest private operating foundation focused exclusively on safely reducing the needs for foster care in this country and building communities of hope. We believe there is nothing more urgent than working together to ensure every child in this country has a safe, permanent family in which they can thrive.

I am attaching to this letter the draft itinerary for the trip, including the presentations and issues that will be addressed during this visit. Also enclosed is a completed Congressional Travel Certification Form.

New Orleans has seen a significant decrease in the number of children in foster care. This visit will highlight efforts of the court and state to reduce unnecessary entry into foster care and the trauma it can impose and increase permanency for children, and offer opportunities to discuss different approaches to keeping children safe and families together.

The trip will begin with a morning flight from Washington National Airport (DCA) on February 18 (boarding at 8:00 am) and will end with a flight back to DCA on February 19, 2020 (arriving to DCA at 11:00 am). Casey Family Programs will, in accordance with respective U.S. House and Senate Ethics Committees¹, arrange for and directly pay for the costs for the flight to and from New Orleans and other travel-related costs, including transportation, lodging and meals while in New Orleans. Incidental expenses cannot be reimbursed.

¹ As a private foundation, Casey Family Programs is also required to only pay federal per diem rates for Congressional Members or staff in accordance with Treas. Reg. 26. CFR § 53.4941(d)(3).

If you have any questions about this trip, please be in touch with me at 202-728-2001 or ccalpin@casey.org. Space is limited, so I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Calpin". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored, slightly textured background.

Christine Calpin
Managing Director-Public Policy
Casey Family Programs

Date/Time Stamp:

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Shilesa Bamberg

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Sherrod Brown

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Casey Family Programs

Travel date(s): February 18 - 19, 2020

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): New Orleans, Louisiana

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

Shilesa handles issues related to child welfare, which are directly related to the Senator's work on the Finance Committee. A main function of her work is to promote policies that reduce the use of out of home placements for foster youth, strengthen families, and foster meaningful collaboration among communities, health professionals, and court personnel. The trip strives to bring multiple sectors and child-serving organizations together to discuss efforts to better serve vulnerable youth and families who are touched by the foster care system.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): N/A

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

2/6/20
(Date)

Shilesa Bamberg
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Sherrod Brown hereby authorize Shilesa Bamberg
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

2/6/20
(Date)

Sherrod Brown
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)